



PROCEEDINGS OF BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **November 22, 2010**, 1:30 p.m., at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Call to Order – meeting was called to order by Mike Strenski at 1:35 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Strenski, Chair
John Katers, Vice-Chair (*arrived at 1:42pm*)
Jim Rasmussen, Secretary
Chuck Rhyner
Norb Dantine
Mike Fleck
Bud Harris
Mark Vanden Busch
Dawn Goodman

Also Present: Charles Larscheid, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.
Chad Doverspike, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.
Joe Hollatz, Badgerland Express
Craig Baierl, Ashwaubenon
Residents: Bob Nockers, Sue Nockers, Elaine Willman, E Kaziks,
John Bergard, Bob Meulemans, Andrew Vickers, Richard Susslitzk,
Dave Dillenburg, Dan Van Rite, Chuck Tappa, Vicki Harmon,
Lee Harmon, Bruce Baker, Mark Vanbeck, Joanne Chaidoir

3. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Norb Dantine. Unanimously approved.

4. Approval/Modification – September 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the September 20, 2010 minutes as written was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mark Vanden Busch. Unanimously approved.

5. Project #1395: Sale of 154.59 acres of Vande Hey & Sanderfoot Property

- *Request Approval to sell to high bidder (Virgil Vande Hey et al for \$1,198,227.09)*

This property was purchased in the mid-1990's as the alternate landfill site. Staff reviewed the three Offers to Purchase which were received by Brown County. Staff along with the Brown

County Purchasing Department is requesting the Board authorize the award to the high bidder which is Virgil, Sandra, Dane, Todd and Terry Vande Hey from Meadowlark Dairy for a total price of \$1,198,227.09. If approved by the SWB, it will go to PD&T and then the County Board for approval. The funds to purchase this land originally were taken from Landfill Siting Funds and staff is proposing that proceeds from this sale return to the Phase Construction Fund. Staff distributed information on the Phase Construction Fund which they noted may not be in line with the current cost-of-living increases. An engineering calculation on the Phase Construction Fund will be done in the future. Brown County originally purchased the Vande Hey and Sanderfoot properties for \$508,349. Brown County has invested over \$1M in engineering work; however, this expense will be divided among all partners of the Tri-County Agreement when the South Landfill opens in 2020.

The Board asked where the money being paid to Brown County by Wisconsin Public Service for the Gas-to-Energy project is going. Staff indicated it is paying expenses and this fund.

A motion to approve the sale to the highest bidder was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Jim Rasmussen. Motion was approved (8 yes / 1 abstain-John Katers)

6. Ashwaubenon Prescription Drug Collection Program Sponsorship – Request for Approval

Ashwaubenon has indicated to Brown County that they are interested in starting a prescription drug collection program. Brown County had worked with its own drug collection program initially using grant money. Brown County then started a collection program through the Brown County Sheriff's Department. The Green Bay Police Department has also started a collection program which Brown County helped fund with grant money. Currently Brown County is applying for a State grant which would be used to support the Ashwaubenon collection. Chris Blan, Solid Waste Technician, explained the background information and the current status of the grant application.

The Household Hazardous Waste program is currently running at a deficit of approximately \$200,000. The tipping fee was increased in part to help offset this cost along with funds from our partners. Staff recommended a one-year agreement with Ashwaubenon contingent on receiving the grant. No cost is incurred to dispose of the controlled medications as they are burned at the Wisconsin Public Service Pulium Power Plant. The only additional cost is the time of the law enforcement officers for the actual collection. Staff offered to contact Brown County communities to see if they are interested in using recycling dollars to support the fees incurred for the disposal of drugs. Staff requested guidance on how this should be handled as it sets a precedent for other municipalities to request assistance from Brown County.

A motion to tie the Ashwaubenon Prescription Drug Collection Program sponsorship if the grant comes through for the period of one (1) calendar year was made by Mike Strenski and seconded by Mike Fleck. Unanimously approved.

7. Director's Report

- The Oneida Seven Generation Corporation

The Oneida Seven Generation Corporation requested this project be removed from the November 22, 2010 Solid Waste Board agenda. Although Brown County is familiar with State regulations on landfills and recycling, staff is unsure of Federal regulations for tribal entities such as Oneida. An Open House is being planned in December by the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation to address questions and concerns on this project. The Brown County Negotiating Committee and staff spoke with the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation and are agreeable to Brown County's role in the project but would like some questions answered in further detail. Staff noted that the Oneida Seven Generation Corporation could proceed with this project without Brown County's involvement of providing the waste stream.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Fleck. Unanimously approved.

Public comment on the Oneida Seven Generation Corporation project was received from:

Dick Reinken, 3313 Pioneer Drive

- Location adjacent to large residential area
- Project is developmental
- Experience of Alliance (contractor)
- Experience of Oneida Seven Generation Corporation
- A “hold” has been put on similar facilities in Connecticut
- Not environmentally-friendly (opposed by Sierra Group)
- Guarantee of any possible future health issues
- Additional scientific evidence requested
- If approval is received, relocate the facility

Joanne Chaidoir, 3303 Pioneer Drive

- Ramifications
- Long-term studies to ensure health and safety of citizens & environment
- Property value issues
- Future clean-up costs

Bruce Baker, 3160 Pioneer Drive

- Seven Gen justified project by comparison to existing paper mills
- Asked if committee members would want this in their backyard

Dan Van Rite, 1545 Woodland Drive

- Requested confirmation of Director Larscheid’s statement that Brown County was going to pay Seven Gen to take the garbage (affirmed by Larscheid)

John Bergard, 389 Sunrise Drive

- Ensure complete sovereignty on this facility/operation by Oneida

Richard Susslitz, 3172 Pioneer Drive

- Engineering design
- Not all garbage will be burned
- Disposal of ash
- Industrial commotion unsuitable for Ashwaubenon location

Chair Strenski noted that it was his understanding that any discussion and/or approvals previously discussed by the Solid Waste Board were related to the property adjacent to the Transfer Station. The Board was not aware of the change in location until recently notified by staff. The regulations that Oneida Nation and the Oneida Seven Generation Corporation are held to were discussed as well as why the original location next to the Transfer Station was abandoned. The Village of Hobart and the Oneida Tribe of Indians have various issues they are discussing. One of them is tribal sovereignty on land within the Village limits. That discussion appears to have played a role in Seven Generation deciding to seek another site for the waste gas project. Andy Vickers reviewed the discussions the Village of Hobart has had with Oneida and Oneida Seven Generation Corporation and noted that the Village is not against this project but is against the current location of the project. Elaine Willman stated a copy of the conditional use permit requested of Oneida by Village of Hobart will be sent to the Board.

Resident

- Facility does not belong in a residential location

Resident

- Request response from County Executive
- WDNR involvement?

Resident

- November 16, 2010 meeting (inaudible)
- Board acknowledges not having all needed information but this item was originally on today's agenda for approval.

Resident

- Website shows this has been on SWB agendas and in closed session
- Keep out of closed session

A motion to return to regular session was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Jim Rasmussen. Unanimously approved.

- State Ranking

A copy of the Waste & Recycling News discussing landfill ranking by State. The Brown/Outagamie/Winnebago Counties Landfill is shown as being the 4th largest landfill in the State.

- Electronics Collection Update

Prior to the State Landfill Ban on electronics the Hazardous Waste Facility took in approximately 10,000 # of e-waste. In October the Facility took in 55,000# of e-waste. The current recycler, URT was not prepared for the impact of the e-waste ban and has not been able to respond to the County's disposal needs as required. Brown County has diverted some of the e-waste to Lamp Recyclers which has increased Brown County's cost by \$0.10 per pound. Dynamic charges less for business material disposal than URT and will pay Brown County a half penny per pound for residential material while URT accepted material at no cost. Brown County will continue to use Dynamic until problems with URT are remedied. Brown, Outagamie, Winnebago will put out a joint RFP for electronics recycling. Brown County performs site inspections and requires information on the end markets of e-waste from the selected contractor to ensure unusable material is not "dumped" on poor countries. Outagamie and Winnebago Counties have similar requirements.

- Landfill Gas Blowers

At the September 20, 2010 Solid Waste Board meeting approval was received to purchase the blower for the West and East Landfills. August Winters replaced the 15hp blower with a 10hp blower at the West Landfill last week (\$14,000). Approval for the purchase of a blower at the East Landfill required approval by PD&T and the County Board because the price was above \$25,000. Approval was received on October 20, 2010. A contract has been signed with August Winters to replace the 100hp blower with a 50hp blower to be installed within 10 to 12 weeks at the East Landfill.

- Brown County Budget

The 2011 Budget was passed by the Brown County Board. No changes were made to the P&SW budget as submitted. A 2% cost of living for administrative employees with a \$500 maximum was approved. There was an attempt to hold a discussion on using the solid waste unrestricted funds but that was defeated. Personnel reductions were made in other departments but this did not affect the P&SW Department. Staff indicated that the bumping process may affect some of the employees at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

- WI Integrated Resource Management Conference

Board members are invited to participate in the Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference scheduled in February 2011 in Green Bay. Registration forms are available and Brown County will pay the entrance fee of \$200 for anyone who wishes to attend.

- Staff Assignments

When the previous recycling manager position was vacated, Chad Doverspike, Facility Manager and Chris Blan, Solid Waste Technician, took on a lot of those duties and helped out a lot. Mark Walter was hired in September 2010 and he has now assumed most of the recycling duties as well as some port duties. Other duties have been revised for the rest of the administrative staff. Mark Walter will be responsible for all areas of recycling, hazardous waste, and is the information systems liaison and telecommunications. Chad Doverspike will be responsible the general office security system, office utilities, credit cards and IC verify, Recycling Transfer Station and the recycling vehicle scale with Mark Walter as backup. Chris Blan will now be responsible for e-waste electronics and the lead person on the field clean sweeps, Sharps collection, and pharmaceutical coordination.

- Furloughs

Union employees will be furloughed five (5) days but can use vacation/sick/casual leave for most of these days. Administrative employees must take two (2) days and can also use vacation/sick/casual leave for these days. The first furlough day will be this Friday, November 26, 2010 and staff noted the employees required to work on the required furlough days will take their furlough day at another time. In order to meet the needs of our customers, the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Transfer Station will be open on November 26, 2010; however, no administrative staff will be on site. Furloughs are also part of the contract for 2011.

- Solid Waste Board Appointments

Jim Rasmussen and Norb Dantine were approved by the County Board for another 3-year term. Dawn Goodman has resigned from the Solid Waste Board which leaves this position open.

8. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

There were no other matters to discuss.

9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Fleck and seconded by Norb Dantine.

Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:16pm

Mike Strenski, Chair
Solid Waste Board

Charles Larscheid, Director
Port & Solid Waste Department